GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO GRAPE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NABARD has decided to lend Rs.150 crore for buying water for the grape growers of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the NABARD propose to provide some lending facilities to the orange growers of Vidharbha region of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) has formulated arefinance scheme in consultation with the State Government and Financing Banks for the grapegrowers to meet the additional cost of irrigation in selected eight districts of Maharashtra, which is operative during the year 2002-03. The rate of interest on refinance is 6.75 per cent and no limit has been fixed by NABARD for providing refinance.

(c) to (e): NABARD extends refinance facilities to the participating banks for financingplantation and horticulture activities including orange plantations in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra.

The refinance disbursement made by NABARD to the participating banks towardsplantation and horticulture activities in Maharashtra during the year 2001-02 is to the tune of Rs.5049.00 lakhs.